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The three alternative proposals for the San Francisco Delta do nothing for the Ecosystem of the Delta. It does nothing for the endangered salmon and by implication, if more impoundments were created, it would harm the few remaining salmon. The dams in California have ruined the salmon runs. The winter runs of Sacramento salmon, spawned in the streams above Shasta Dam.

The ecosystem you profess to want to improve in the Delta is an artificial ecosystem that has probably existed less than 50 years. It was created as the result of dams. Salt-water back flow into the Central Valley had to be greater in the fall months of dry years than it currently does.

I feel CalFed did not bring any new thinking to the discussion. Old ideas were dug out of file cabinets. Those ideas fail because they address the California water usage as a year to year problem. California water planning should be decade to decade in view of the known wet and dry cycles of about 7 years each, which are well documented.

CalFed talked about 3 alternates, while Friends of the River talked about 12 alternates. Which one is correct?

I would like for someone in CalFed to explain why the alternative maps on the Internet at: <http://calfed.co.gov>, were altered. The surface and groundwater storage data was obviously pasted over, with statements of "possible" storage rather than actual figures. Also, CalFed in "Response to Comments", August 1996, stated that "The CalFed Bay-Delta Program is not charged with solving all of California's future water supply needs - an issue that must be pursued in other forums." Has CalFed changed the scope of this program since then?

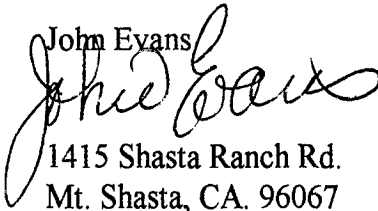
All water districts that currently net sellers of water outside their districts should be required to turn that excess over to a state agency NOW in order to buy into any future water projects. The state could then use that revenue to fund future projects.

Very little is addressed to the alternative of building additional reservoirs south of the San Luis reservoir. Excess water during the wet cycle could be pumped into those reservoirs, when there should be excess and cheap power. During dry years, those reservoirs could be emptied and power generated like it is at San Luis.

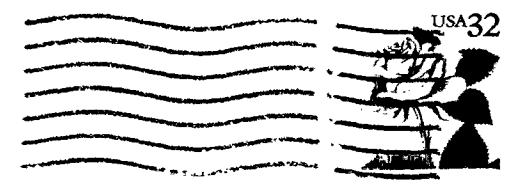
Los Angeles should be required to collect more of their run off water. Sepulveda Basin flooded this past winter.....where is that water now?

Has anyone considered that at 15,000 cfs discharge from Shasta/Keswick, the Sacramento is almost at flood stage in Redding?

At this time, all CalFed has created is a snow job. Any EIS/EIR that contains an "Adaptive Management" statement is not an EIS/EIR. Such a statement is not appropriate for an EIS/EIR. None of the alternatives are acceptable and no new dams north of the Delta should be built.

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